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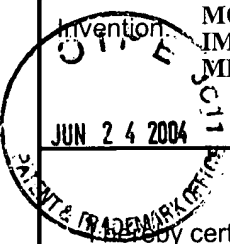
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Invention:

**MODIFIED BIODEGRADABLE POLYESTER MICROSPHERES FOR STABILIZING AND  
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23, 2004 setting a three (3) month statutory period for reply. A  
request for a one (1) month extension of time and appropriate fee

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are filed herewith. Please enter the following remarks and amendments into the record.

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.